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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2747

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For: METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN AUSCULTATION  
SIGNAL

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend Abstract to read:

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--A method of processing a signal representing an input sound signal is disclosed.

The signal is divided in time into a plurality of signal segments, each having an individual duration of time. The signal segments are processed into an output signal of successive signal segments in such a way that at least one, preferably all, of the signal segments are repeated immediately and successively at least once in the output signal. Each signal segment is established in such a way that the duration of time of a majority, preferably all, of the signal segments is less than 60 ms. Thus, a sound signal can be reduced in speed by doubling the number of short cycles.--

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